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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 16 July 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 12, 20, 27 and 29.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hoffman (US Patent No. 5320120) and Cushing (US Patent No. 4150679).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed proposed amendment incorporating the sidewall in the claims to attempt to define the filter chamber. Also, the applicant argued that the prior art did not suggest such a modification. Some minor changes were suggested for claiming the inlet opening/non-linear portion. Further search and consideration will be necessary upon receipt of the proposed amended claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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